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BIT OF HISTORY — Discussing his story of former President Harry S. Truman with Joyce Lee McKenna, right, aide to Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, during coffee hosted prior to

inaugural Saturday in Washington by Congressman are Mr. and Mrs. James Bushnell of Lynchburg, who later in day saw more history in the making.

—George Smith Photos

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By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Butler to Listen

Rep. Caldwell Butler will be in Roanoke in his office on the third floor of the federal building all day Friday to talk with his 6th District constituents, a spokesman for Butler says.

Butler pleased with proposal to end action

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CLIFTON FORGE

JOHNSON PRAISED BY BUTLER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., said Tuesday he joined "with the nation in mourning the death" of former President Lyndon B. Johnson.

"He was an extremely able and effective president, based on his knowledge of the legislative process and how to work with the Congress," Butler said in a statement issued by his office.

"The nation will miss the wise counsel of its only living ex-president. Our prayers and thoughts are with Mrs. Johnson and her family."

Residents Glad War Is Over, Jan 24 But Are Suspicious Of Reds

By GARVEY WINEGAR
N-V Staff Writer

The United State's longest war — the Vietnam conflict which has claimed 350,000 American casualties — comes to an end Saturday, President Nixon told the nation and the world last night.

How do area people greet the news?

To find out, The News-Virginian stopped people on the street, talked with them in their places of business, and called them on the phone.

To sum it up, a great collective sigh of relief can be heard throughout the area. The war, from every indication, is over. Prisoners will be coming home.

And almost without exception, President Nixon is being praised as a resolute man who wrestled an "honorable peace" (you hear the term quite often) from a determined enemy.

Many people believe the United States involvement in Southeast Asia is over. But they doubt that the actual fighting between North and South Vietnam is finished.

And there is widespread concern for the prisoners of war. How many are there? What condition are they in?

"Some of them have been prisoners for at least eight years," said Virgil R. Rea Jr. "What shape are they in now?"

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler summed up a lot of area people's feelings about the announcement that the war would end Saturday when he said in his Washington office this morning:

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A Waynesboro man who asked that his name not be used wasn't

so sure about the "generation of peace."

"I think it's the end of the war for us," he said, "but I'm afraid those people (in Southeast Asia) will be fighting among themselves for a long time."

Mrs. Eunice Johnson of 2312 Mount Vernon St. has had a nephew and a brother in Vietnam. Both made it back all right.

"The peace settlement is a great thing . . . if it lasts," she said. "I just hope we can trust

the North Vietnamese. I also hope and pray all the prisoners of war get back okay. So many of them are still missing. . . .

"I think Nixon has done a great job," she added.

Herbert G. Wingfield, general manager of a locally-based specialty advertising company, says he is in complete accord with President Nixon's handling of the situation.

"It (the peace agreement) is what I expected of him," said

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STAUNTON LEADER Jan 24, 1973

Area to mark announcement with community peace services

In an atmosphere of gratefulness and hope at the prospect of a Vietnam peace settlement, the Staunton Area Ministerial Association is sponsoring two special services today.

The first Community Service of Thanksgiving and Reconciliation was to be held at noon today at Faith Lutheran Church, conducted by a committee headed by the Rev. Thomas Bailey.

A second will be held at the church at 7:30 tonight.

The Rev. John R. Goodman, president of the SAMA, said this morning:

"This day surely must be one for us to be grateful and hopeful; grateful that hostilities are about to end, and hopeful that the ceasefire will eventuate in peace

and stability for the people of Southeast Asia; grateful for the prospect that the massive human suffering incident to war will be alleviated, and hopeful that the deep wounds and scars can somehow be healed.

"The cease-fire will have many, many implications in the coming weeks and years, if we are willing and able to be honest with ourselves and compassionate toward others. But the hours and days before us are times to be grateful to God, and to have hope in the future into which He is leading."

From his office in Washington, U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler issued this statement:

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"A generation of peace is indeed a possibility now," Mr. Butler concluded.

Immediate reaction to the President's announcement Tuesday night came from First Presbyterian Church, whose bell could be heard pealing for 45 minutes following the announcement.

Shortly after the televised speech, the Rev. John Cowan "rushed" to the church, and opened its doors for about 50 Mary Baldwin College students who streamed into the church to ring the bell in celebration of the war's anticipated end.

"I felt we ought to let peace ring out and that everyone be thankful," Mr. Cowan said this morning. The students, he went on, took turns ringing the bell for 45 minutes, finally returning to school shortly before 11 p.m.

From the State.

VINTON MESSENGER

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Butler Named To Judiciary Committee

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler has been named to the House Judiciary Committee, an assignment held for years by former Republican Richard H. Poff.

The Roanoke lawyer will have seniority over four other freshmen congressmen on the committee--considered a top one by House members--because of a special election he won last November.

Butler won both a special election to fill out Poff's unexpired term and the regular two-year term. Thus, he had seniority over the other freshmen on the committee.

Butler said the assignment is an important one and "it's a far cry from the first six years I was in Richmond" as a member of a Virginia General Assembly which had fewer Republicans than it does now. "I feel like it is real progress," Butler said.

The congressman said he had preferred the House Interstate and Foreign Service Committee as a first choice but "I believe that the seniority I received on the Judiciary Committee indicates that my second choice may have been the wiser."

Butler said he thinks "Richard Poff's having staked out this seat for Virginia was very helpful in my getting this appointment."

Butler said his law background means he is "best prepared for work on this committee." But the congressman added that he "would have enjoyed getting into the many controversies on the other committee."

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The committee, which deals with as much of 40 per cent of the legislation originating in the House, concerns itself with federal courts and judges, constitutional amendments, antitrust laws, civil rights legislation and revisions of the U. S. Code.

Among the proposed laws with which it will deal are the rights of newsmen; extension of the programs of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration which expire June 30; rules of evidence as proposed by the U. S. supreme Court, and reinstatement of the death penalty.

Butler To Speak Here Thursday

Covington Jan 24, 1973

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Non-Jaycees and other interested citizens are welcome to come after the meal and hear Butler's speech at no charge, a Jaycee spokesman said today. The meal will begin at approximately 7:15 p.m. Rep. Butler is expected to begin speaking about 8:15 p.m. There will be an admission charge for those attending the dinner.

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Salem - Jan 25 '73

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and Mrs. M. R. Wheeler of Route 3, Amherst.



INAUGURAL RECEPTION—Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler (center) hosted a reception prior to President Richard Nixon's Inaugural Address last Saturday. On hand were Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wilkins, Jr. (left) and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eichelman. The Wilkins are from Amherst and the Eichelmans are from Salem. Rep. Butler's youngest son Marshall is in front.

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Butler Given Position On Judiciary Committee

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Among the legislative proposals with which it will deal are the rights of

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Also the Judiciary Committee will deal with the reinstatement of the death penalty.

Congressman Butler Reaffirms Gathright Dam

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Rep. Butler Delivers Speech

Congressman M. Caldwell Butler, who represents the Sixth District in Congress spoke to about 65 Covington Jaycees and non-Jaycee guests at the Jaycees annual Outstanding Young Man-Boss Night dinner Thursday at the Alleghany Country Club. He reaffirmed his support of the Gathright Dam. William F. Earehart Jr. of the Jaycees, who introduced Butler, is seated at left. The Sixth District includes the Covington-Clifton Forge-Alleghany County area. Story and picture on awards presented by the Jaycees on page 6. (Staff Photo by Bill Lumpkin)

Address Made To Covington Jaycees At Dinner Meeting

By BILL LUMPKIN

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler, addressing the annual Outstanding Young Man-Bosses Night dinner of the Covington Jaycees at the Alleghany Country Club Thursday night, emphatically and unequivocally endorsed the Gathright Dam project.

A total of about 65 Jaycees, bosses of Jaycees, and interested non-Jaycees attending as guests heard Butler pledge to do all he could to bring the project to a early and successful completion.

The Jaycees had adopted a resolution expressing support for the project earlier this month, and Ben C. Moomaw Jr., executive vice president of the Covington-Alleghany County Chamber of Commerce, and a long time supporter of the dam was among the guests at the head table when Rep. Butler made his announcement favoring the dam.

Rep. Butler's Endorsement

Copies of the portion of Butler's speech dealing with the project were released to news media throughout the state after 8 p.m. Thursday.

The dam has been under fire by environmentalists such as the members of the Cape Henry Bird Club and the Mountain Area Environmental Rights Association, as well as by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; but Rep. Butler described it as a "worthwhile project" which would provide significant benefits to the entire state. A hearing on a suit filed by environmentalists seeking an in-

junction against the dam is scheduled for Feb. 7-8 in U.S. District Court in Roanoke.

"Having concluded that it is in the best interests of the people of the Sixth Congressional District that the Gathright Dam project be completed," Rep. Butler said, "it is my responsibility as their representative in the Congress to make this position known and do all that I can to insure that the project proceeds on schedule."

Court May Stop It—I Won't

"The United States District Court may stop the Gathright Dam, but I will not."

"I am committed to do what I can to see that it proceeds to an early completion, and I look forward to sharing with the people of this District the many benefits which we anticipate will come from it."

Rep. Butler said he had made his decision after reviewing "with care" the information made available to him with reference to the dam, and that although he was impressed by the sincerity of those who would abandon the project and shares the concern they expressed for some of its environmental effects, "I cannot accept the logic of the position they take."

Abandonment Not Justified

He added: "I have not been made aware of any circumstance or combination of circumstances which would justify abandonment or postponement of this project at this late date. Postponement of future work on the Gathright Dam at this time would be wasteful, costly and serve no useful purpose. Abandonment of the project at this late date, would not, in my judgement, be in the best interests of all concerned."

He continued: "The Gathright Dam is a worthwhile project; it will provide needed flood control and improve water quality; it was authorized by the Congress of the United States in 1946 and approved many times thereafter; it is more than one-third complete; more than \$15 million in public funds have been expended upon it; expenditures incident to its construction have already made a significant contribution to the economy of the area; and it will, upon completion, provide substantial economic, recreational, and environmental benefits for the entire state of Virginia."

Rep. Butler Introduced

Rep. Butler, who was elected in November as the successor to Republican Rep. Richard H. Poff, was introduced by William F. Earehart Jr. Earehart substituted for Raymond G. Haymaker, Covington-Alleghany County Republican Party chairman, who was unable to attend due to illness. Poff retired after 20 years as Sixth District Congressman to accept appointment to the Virginia Supreme Court.

Butler, a Republican who had represented the Roanoke area in the House of Delegates for 10 years, had a few weeks of seniority on other freshmen Congressmen since he finished out the last few weeks of Poff's term before beginning his own 2-year term. Butler received a standing ovation both before and after his speech and was applauded when he announced his support for the dam.

Representatives of the Covington Virginian and Clifton Forge Daily Review and at least one reporter-cameraman team from a Roanoke television station covered the event.

Plans For Local Offices

Rep. Butler touched on several other subjects besides the

dam in his speech, including living arrangements for his family, his tour of the White House, the organization of his office staff, the relative slowness of Congress in acting on legislation, compared to the General Assembly, and his plans for having district branches of his office established throughout the Sixth District with each manned by a member of his staff at least one day per week. His remarks included several quips at his own expense.

Commenting on his "two months and seven days" as a Congressman, he said with a grin: "I've tried it, and I like it." Noting that he campaigned on the slogan "You'll Know He's There" he told his audience: "I hope you do, because precious few people in Washington are aware of my presence." He added: "We haven't met often so far. The hours have been great, as a matter of fact. The lull has given me time to organize my staff."

Rep. Butler said he could not help comparing his General Assembly experience of 10 years with his experience so far in Washington, and said the main difference is "the speed of the work." He explained: "In Richmond, we had 30 or 60 day sessions — we had to move fast. Here in Washington, to be perfectly candid, I don't think we've (Congress) done a thing."

Found Tour Exciting

The freshman Congressman said the "most exciting thing" which has happened to him so far is a tour of the White House given by the President for freshman Congressmen and Senators.

He added: "I still haven't gotten over being in the same body with the nationally known U.S. representatives and Senators I formerly only read about. It's been an exciting and interesting experience for all of us in my family. My family is staying at home in Roanoke and I met Mr. Charles D. Armstrong and Mrs. Charles D. Armstrong. Last weekend guests of Mr. Armstrong's parents in Pennsylvania.

He spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hardbarger, Nimrod Hall. Miss Margaret Goodfellow, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hardbarger, West Virginia. Bill Hardbarger, home on Windy Cove Farm.

He is recuperating at his home in Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville. James H. Culpepper has been released from the University of Virginia Hospital, after being a patient in the University of Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville.

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RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH JAN 26

Rep. Butler Endorses Gathright Project

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"coordinator of district offices," and will be in Covington and Clifton Forge on a regular basis to assist constituents with matters they want brought on. Butler will try to attend these sessions himself whenever his schedule permits. He noted that he had retained some of Rep. Poff's employees on his staff and added a number of others, all 35 or younger.

Rep Butler noted that his correspondence has been heavy, and has been dominated by the war issue, but he has received very little correspondence in opposition to President Nixon's Vietnam policy.

He said the war had been the dominant issue in Congress since it convened, and "I share with you great relief that it's coming to an end with an honorable peace. . . I continue to support the President's Vietnam policy. I feel he has conducted the negotiations with North Vietnam in the best interests of the country."

He added: "Since Congress has been in session, some wag has been heard to remark, concerning recent funerals for two ex-presidents and the inauguration of the incumbent, 'We've crowned a third.'"

"I think a conflict is arising between the President and Congress over appropriations cuts and withholding of funds and that there will be a showdown this session which may have historic significance. My sampling of opinion indicates a depth of feeling on this I didn't anticipate when I went to Washington."

Among the non-Jaycee guests present for the dinner were Greg Casto, president of the Covington High School Jayteens; Kurt Jensen, a Jayteen and active member of the Young Republicans; David L. Waters, chairman of the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors; Supervisors Carl E. Cole and Charles E. Vass Jr., Covington City Manager Ronald L. Waller, Assistant City Manager Ben F. Sears, Vice Mayor Oliver F. Reid, and Mark Clark, honorary Jaycee.

Times - Jan. 26

Butler Backs Gathright Dam Completion

By RICHARD LAWSON
Times Staff Writer

COVINGTON—Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler gave his endorsement Thursday night to the Gathright Dam project and said he would do everything possible to see that the dam "proceeds to an early completion."

Butler, speaking at the Covington Jaycees' "Man of the Year" banquet, said postponement or termination of the project, as sought by environmentalists in a federal court action, would be wasteful and costly. The environmentalists' action "at such a late date is the height of folly," he said.

A suit seeking to halt construction of the dam is now pending in U.S. District Court in Roanoke and is scheduled to begin Feb. 7.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have already spent about \$15 million to complete more than one-third of the project on the Jackson River near here.

Butler said he understands the concern of those opposed to the dam but added that he "cannot accept the logic of the position they take."

He cited the fact that the project was first authorized by Congress in 1954 and was approved many times thereafter. He said those opposing the project should have spoken out long before now.

"Expenditures incident to its construction have already made a significant contribution to the economy of the area," he said, adding:

"It will, upon completion, provide substantial economic, recreational, and environmental dividends for the entire state."

He said abandonment of the project at this stage in its construction would not be in the best interests of all concerned.

"The U.S. District Court may stop the Gathright Dam, but I will not," he concluded.

Butler said after the address that he had no specific course of action in mind, but felt it was important that he give public support to the project.

He said he would not speculate as to how the case will end and conceded that he does not know exactly what he will do should the court decide to halt the project.

But he did speculate that the Army Corps of Engineers will be made to more fully explain the project more fully during the proceedings and might possibly be made to alter some of the plans.

Before the newly-elected Congressman made his remarks concerning the dam, he told the Jaycees and others of his experience in office. Butler said that since going to Washington he has encountered a depth of feeling "I had not anticipated" concerning the conflict of Congress and President Nixon.

He predicted a showdown between the White House and Congress before this term was far along and said it might come on the issue of agricul-

ture spending cuts.

The Covington Jaycees named Harry B. Casey Jr. of Covington as the organization's "Man of the Year."

Also at the meeting, John C. Downer 3rd, owner of Downer's Hardware in Covington, was named "Boss of the Year."

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Butler Supports The Gathright Dam

COVINGTON, Va. (AP)—Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., says holding up construction of the Gathright Dam would be wasteful and costly.

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The congressman said he will "make this position known and ... do all I can to insure that the project proceeds on schedule."

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"I am committed to do what I can to see that it proceeds to early completion, and I look forward to sharing with the people of this district the many benefits which we anticipate will come from it."



CONGRESSMAN M. CALDWELL BUTLER

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Butler endorses Gathright

Congressman M. Caldwell Butler, speaking last night to the annual man of the year dinner of the Covington Jaycees, said:

"I have reviewed with care the information made available to me with reference to the Gathright Dam. While I am impressed by the sincerity of those who would abandon this project and share the concern they have expressed for some of its environmental effects, I cannot accept the logic of the position they take.

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According to Butler, "postponement of future work on the Gathright Dam at this time would be wasteful, costly and serve no useful purpose. Abandonment of the project at this late date would not, in my judgement, be in the best interests of all concerned.

"Having concluded that it
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is in the best interests of the people of the Sixth Congressional District that the Gathright Dam Project be completed, it is my responsibility as their Representative in the Congress to make this position known and to do all that I can to insure that the project proceeds on schedule.

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Butler told the group meeting at the Allegheny County Club, that he plans to open offices in Clifton Forge and Covington to "stay in contact with the people."

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MEET WITH CONGRESSMAN—Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler last night spoke to a meeting of the Covington Jaycees. Butler is shown above with Mrs. S. D. Heslep, Mrs. Charles Tanner, and Tommy Haymaker.
(Review Staff Photo)

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Rep. M. Caldwell Butler

Butler Asks Refunding Of Rural Aid

Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Roanoke Congressman M. Caldwell Butler has written to Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz urging that the recently discontinued Rural Environmental Assistance Program be refunded by expenditures taken from other programs in the department.

Butler told Butz he feels "the benefits derived from the conservation practices far exceed costs, as the problems of pollution and erosion are far more costly to correct than to prevent."

The 6th District Republican pointed out that "every federal dollar spent on this program was at least matched by the farmer. The economic situation of the small farmer simply has not improved to the extent that he can bear the entire burden of carrying out conservation measures that benefit everyone and that there is no reason why he should have to."

Butler Speaker

At Award Fete

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County Student Completes Stint As Butler's Aide

Miss Beckie Hamill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hamill, 4938 Crossbow Circle, SW, has recently completed a three-week intern program in the office of 6th District Rep. Caldwell Butler.

Miss Hamill was one of a group of students from Stratford College in Danville that spent the school's short term in Washington working in congressional offices and touring government facilities. They were participating in the term "Witness to History—Inauguration 1973."

Miss Hamill is the president of the Stratford student body and is listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

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PRIZE WINNER, Miss Kay Spitzer of Crimora (left) received congratulations from Congressman M. Caldwell Butler and Miss Carol Fisher of Calloway after winning third

place and a \$50 savings bond in the "make it yourself with wool" contest held in Washington, D.C. by the National Wool Growers Association.

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Give Back to Richmond

Butler to Probe Revenue Sharing

Bedford's new man in Congress, M. Caldwell Butler, Republican, has been given a touch assignment by his constituency early in his career in Washington. He has offered to make inquiries which might show why Bedford County and Bedford City have received checks from the government's revenue sharing program much smaller than had been anticipated. He has been asked to try to solve the riddle.

Checks supposed to cover the second half of 1972 were received a week ago by County Treasurer Thomas L. Overstreet and Emmett P. Armontrout, the city's director of finance.

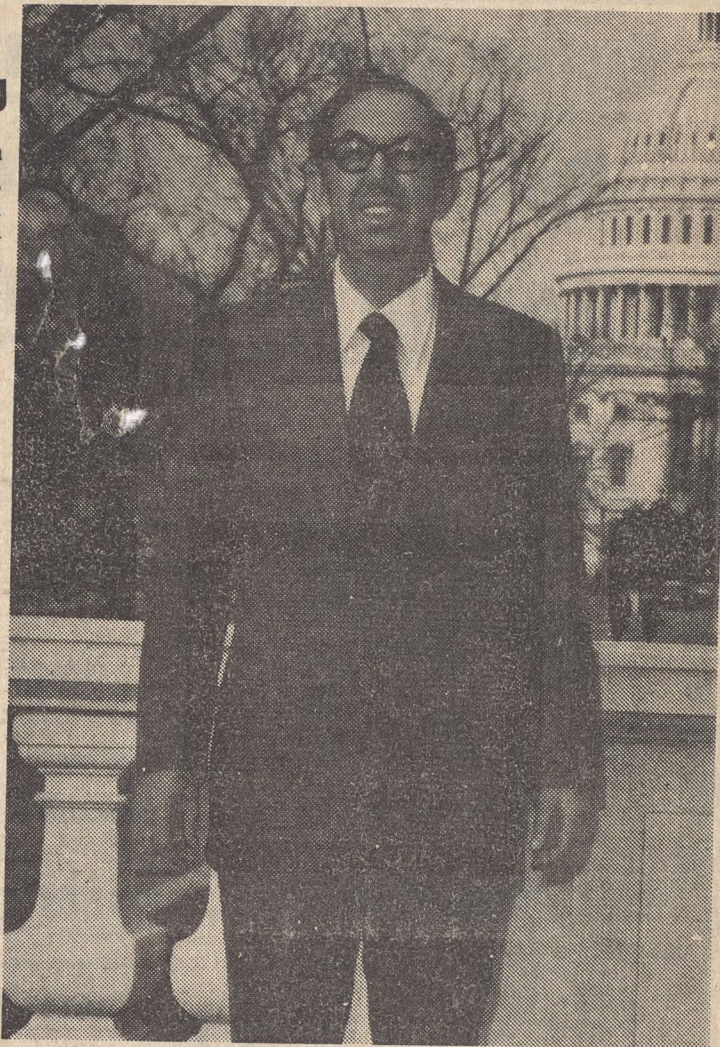
Mr. Overstreet's check was for \$38,700 and this added to the check for the first of 1972, which was \$40,329, made a total of \$79,029. The city's check was for \$17,048, added to the \$18,062 of the first check this made a total of \$35,110.

Both county and city had been led to believe earlier that their "revenue sharing" would run well into six figures.

The smaller amounts for the second half are explained as due to the desire of the Office of Revenue Sharing in the Treasury Department to retain a small reserve to meet any readjustments necessary.

Both Mr. Overstreet and Mr. Armontrout have written the Treasury Department asking for an explanation of the "shares" so much smaller than anticipated. Both have received a form reply addressed to "Dear Revenue Sharing Recipient," offering assurance the inquiries would be given early and thorough attention.

So Representative Butler has been asked to dig a little deeper.



OUR MAN IN WASHINGTON. M. Caldwell Butler, Republican, elected to Congress last November from the Virginia Sixth District, which includes Bedford County and City, is shown in Washington with the Capitol in the background. Mr. Butler succeeds Richard H. Poff, also Republican, who held the Sixth District seat for nearly twenty years.



Amherst Represented At Ball

Amherst residents Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wilkins Jr., center, took time out from dancing at President Nixon's Inaugural Ball at the Kennedy Center to pose with Clifton Forge friends. County Republican Chairman Bernard H. Bryant Jr. asked Wilkins to represent the local party at the ball. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins also attended a reception for Vice President Agnew on Thursday before the inauguration—where they both shook his hand—along with the inauguration and parade. Wilkins reported their greatest thrill was actually hearing the President take the same oath of office taken by all the nation's chief executives since George Washington.

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Butler Says Freeze On Loans Modified

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Miss Whissen named to post



MISS WHISSEN

WASHINGTON

— Miss Mary Frances Whissen, a resident of Staunton and native Virginian, has been appointed secretary for U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's district office in the Waynesboro Post Office Building.

The district office opens at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Miss Whissen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude A. Whissen of Rockingham County, is a graduate of Broadway High School and Madison College.

A resident of Staunton for the past 10 years, Miss Whissen was formerly the home economist for Columbia Gas of Virginia Inc. and a charter member of the Staunton Quota Club, Inc. She was born in Rockingham County.

Rep. Butler noted that he was "delighted to find a resident of the area for our office here. Miss Whissen, through her past experience as a home economist, has the general feeling and background needed to work in this capacity for the citizens of Staunton, Waynesboro, Augusta and neighboring counties".

He indicated that the office, like the ones in Roanoke and Lynchburg, would be opened Monday through Friday from 9-5 and that an Enterprise telephone number has been installed so that residents in Staunton can call toll free.

The number in Waynesboro is 942-7758. In Staunton, dial the operator and ask for Enterprise 758.

Congressman plans office in Waynesboro; to hold regular meetings here

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, hoping to get an area office in the Staunton Post Office building, says he could not get space there and will open an office in Waynesboro next Tuesday.

The Republican congressman recalled he had announced earlier that the U.S. Postal Service would release space in the Staunton building.

But, Butler said, "The facilities offered in Waynesboro warrant the office being located there. Comparable space was not offered in Staunton."

Butler has an office in Roanoke but the Waynesboro office will be of more immediate service to the Staunton-Waynesboro-Augusta County area.

Butler said the Staunton office would have been nearer other government agencies such as the Social Security office and to hospital and health facilities but "that space would not be released by U.S. postal inspectors."

Butler said the new office, which will be open formally on Feb. 19, will be ready for business Tuesday and will have a staff of its own.

The Roanoke lawyer said, though, that he is pleased to have an office in the Shenandoah Valley section of his district because it can help with the workload now being handled by his Washington and Roanoke offices.

Butler said he will announce soon the person who will handle the office. He said it would be a resident of the area.

Butler has told The Review that he or Jeff S. Gregson will hold open door meetings in Clifton Forge and Covington on a regular basis.



REP. CALDWELL BUTLER

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Butler named to committee

WASHINGTON — U. S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler Tuesday was named to the House judiciary subcommittees which will oversee the American Bicentennial observance and help write a complete revision of the nation's bankruptcy laws.

Rep. Butler was officially appointed ranking Republican on judiciary subcommittee No. 2, which reviews private claims and also oversees Bicentennial legislation and operation, at the first organizational meeting of the Judiciary Committee.

He also was named to subcommittee No. 4, which shapes bankruptcy laws, and will have a set of revision recommendations to deal with when a presidential commission on bankruptcy presents its findings to Congress in June.

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House Judiciary Panel Votes To Open Meetings

By WAYNE WOODLIEF

Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A freshman Democrat stole the play Tuesday from Republicans who wanted to open up the meetings of the House Judiciary Committee, but the result—open meetings—nonetheless pleased Republican Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke.

After the committee meeting, at which a dissenting Republican, Rep. David W. Dennis of Indiana, complained that open meetings would endanger congressional "candor," Butler told a reporter:

"I don't think open meetings discourage candor. As soon as you get in the habit of holding open meetings, and the novelty wears off, people tend to stay away anyway, and business tends to proceed with the same candor as before."

"I'm for open meetings. The only reason a congressman would want them closed is to protect himself, and we weren't elected to protect ourselves. The public's business ought to be conducted in the open."

Butler and several other members of the committee's Republican minority had been

maneuvering for the past two days to amend one of the proposed committee rules, circulated 48 hours in advance of the meeting by the new committee chairman, Rep. Peter Rodino, D-N.J.

That rule would have made it committee policy to close its committee and subcommittee meetings, especially work sessions on legislation, unless a majority of the committee or subcommittees voted to open them.

The Republicans were ready with an amendment to do just the opposite: make the meetings open unless a majority—in open session voted to close them.

Rep. Wayne Owens, a freshman Democrat from Utah (and a former aide to U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy) beat the Republicans to the punch. Before they could make their move, he offered the same amendment.

After some skirmishing over amendments to the amendment, it carried, 29-5, on a recorded vote, with Rodino himself swinging in favor of the amendment.

Butler and the Republicans suspect the Democrats sniffed out what the GOP members

had in mind, and made the issue a non-issue, so as to hide divisions in their ranks. No Democrats were admitting that, of course.

"I think getting the vote on the amendment as a recorded vote (not just a verbal vote) was significant," Butler said.

"Nobody wants to go on the record against open meetings."

He said the Republicans supported the move for a recorded vote more strongly than

the Democrats did.

The Roanoke freshman said, "The idea of open meetings seems to have taken hold around here, and it's interesting that the impetus is coming from the newer members."

Butler thinks most citizens still will find it difficult to "pierce the mystery of the legislative process," but said they certainly ought to have the chance to try.

Rep. Butler Assigned To Judiciary Groups

Sixth District Rep. Caldwell Butler, of Roanoke, has been named to two subcommittees of the House Judiciary Committee.

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Buena Vista Set For Flood Plan

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Buena Vista, Va., flood control project will be included in the administration's flood control plan now before Congress, the White House announced Friday.

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, whose 6th District includes Buena Vista, said he would offer the amendment necessary to include the project.

The \$11 million project includes an 11,700-foot earth wall and levee, a 2,800-foot-long and 200-foot-wide channel and a 57-foot interior drainage canal.

It was included in the Omnibus Rivers and Harbors Act vetoed last October. It was not included in President Nixon's flood control plan this year and Butler urged the White House to include it.

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Butler Schedules Amherst Meeting

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will have an "open door" meeting Friday in the Amherst County courthouse.

The Roanoke Republican said the meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. in the board of supervisors' meeting room. He said he will be there to meet citizens and to "discuss with them problems they might have encountered with the federal government."

Butler said the meeting will last until noon but he will stay longer "to make certain we have met with everyone who comes by."

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Butler to meet Amherst residents

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will meet with residents of Amherst County in the Board of Supervisors Room at the Courthouse in Amherst between 10:30 a.m. and noon Friday.

A spokesman in Butler's office said the meeting is one of several planned around the district to allow Butler to learn of some of his constituents' problems.

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RECIPIENTS OF JAYCEE AWARDS WITH REP. BUTLER—E. W. 'Bob' Crowder, president of the Covington Jaycees, and Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, the guest speaker at the Jaycees annual Outstanding Young Man-Bosses Night dinner, Thursday are pictured with recipients of three major awards presented at the event. From left are John C. "Corky" Downer III, 'Boss of the Year' award; Harry B. Casey Jr., Outstanding Young Man Award; Rep. Butler, Crowder, and Darrell Sampson, 'Jaycee of the Quarter' Award. (Staff Photo by Bill Lumpkin)

Roswell Times Feb 8

House Revives Farm Aid Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon lost an opening round in his multi-billion-dollar spending bout with Congress as the House voted Wednesday to force him to give the farmer 65 cents a day to save America's soil.

The vote was 251 to 142.

Legislation to reinstate a farm-belt legend known as REAP was passed by the House and sent to the Senate. It was the first House floor action by the new Congress in a clash with Nixon over who should set spending priorities, Congress or the President.

A veto is virtually certain if the bill also clears the Senate. The House vote indicated backers are short of the two-thirds total needed to override a veto.

Passage came on the votes of 199 Democrats and 52 Republicans, while 20 Democrats and 122 Republicans joined in opposing the legislation. Thus, 393 congressmen voted.

(Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler voted with the majority).

If this had been a ballot to override a veto, Nixon would have won because 232 votes in favor of the bill would have been needed to write it into law over the President's objections. Nixon's victory would have been by 11 votes.

The vote, by which the House asserted that Nixon should restore life to a \$225 million program that he killed last December, came amid Republican predictions that Nixon would use multiple vetoes to keep his budget intact, while Democrats accused the White House of moving toward one-man rule.

Prior to the final vote, the House began its battle by refusing to accept a Republican-backed compromise.

Then, a GOP-supported attempt to write what Rep. Paul Findley, R-Ill., termed "the concept of fiscal responsibility into this forced-spending bill" was turned down on a parliamentary point-of-order on grounds it was not germane to the measure at hand.

The House promptly pressed ahead

on its debate on the fate of the Rural Environmental Assistance Program. Republican Leader Gerald R. Ford of Michigan advised his colleagues that Nixon "has no choice" and must cut spending if Congress won't do it. "I have good reason to believe he will veto the bill," he said.

The chief Democratic handler of the legislation, Rep. W. R. Poage of Texas, chairman of the Agriculture Committee, noted those repeated threats of a veto by Nixon, then yelled to his colleagues: "Let him crack his whip! Let him crack his whip—we're going to try to do what this House should do."

The House spent most of the afternoon arguing over the merits of the committee's bill to resurrect REAP from the grave in which the President had buried the program last Christmas.

Rep. Charles M. Teague of California, senior GOP member of Poage's committee, said the issue "is whether the U.S. government is going to be hob-

bled by a policy of compulsory spending on a program of relatively low priority."

The committee produced a bill to make REAP mandatory at a \$225 million level for spending on various conservation projects to save the soil and fight pollution.

As a substitute, Rep. Wilmer D. Mizell, R-N.C., offered legislation to keep REAP for \$140 million—the level of initial allocation announced by the administration last September. The House refused to take such a substitute, voting 217 to 176 against Mizell.

Findley then came up with an amendment that would require one of these things to happen before the legislation could be effective: Raise the national debt, hike taxes, or keep the budget in balance. This proposal died on the point of order ruling from Rep. Robert N. Giaimo, D-Conn., who was in the chair at the time.

In related developments Wednesday:

—Rep. John E. Moss, D-Calif., de-

claring the federal regulatory commissions are increasingly dominated by White House politics and interest groups, introduced a bill aimed at giving Congress more authority over the agencies.

—Chairman George Mahon, D-Tex., of the House Appropriations Committee, told Secretary of the Treasury George P. Shultz that neither Nixon nor other presidents have had power to impound funds. But Shultz called Nixon a law-abiding chief executive who is acting on full legal advice.

—At a Senate labor subcommittee hearing, the administration said a new \$1.8-billion vocational rehabilitation bill is just as objectionable as a similar one Nixon vetoed last year.

—The Senate Labor Committee approved 15 to 0 a \$1.5 billion aid to the aging bill similar to one Nixon vetoed last October.

Senate Panel Criticizes Budget Chief

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MILK PRODUCERS MEET—Congressman M. Caldwell Butler enjoys a glass of milk at a reception of milk producers from Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland. With the 6th district Congressman is Jan Y. Osinga, of Sweet Briar. Osinga was among the milk producers at the PennMarVa banquet in Washington on Tuesday. He is the director of the Maryland Virginia Milk Producers.

Butler To Visit Courthouse

Congressman Caldwell Butler will hold an open door meeting beginning at 10:30 A.M. Friday at the Courthouse in the Board of Supervisors Room.

Congressman Butler said he welcomes this opportunity to meet with the citizens of the Amherst area and discuss with them problems they might have encountered with the Federal government. The meeting is scheduled to last until noon, but the Congressman noted that he'll gladly stay longer "to make certain we have met with everyone who comes by."

"He will be accompanied by District Associate Jeff S. Gregson.

Anyone wishing to discuss a particular problem should bring with him all papers and correspondence dealing with the case, and his social security number and Veterans claims number if the problem is so related.

Since Congress does not legislate over schools, highway construction programs, driver's licenses and state or local court decisions, Rep. Butler will not be able to discuss these matters.

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Butler Office Here To Open Tuesday

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will open a full-time Waynesboro office on Tuesday in the Federal Building (Post Office) at the corner of Wayne Ave. and Federal St.

A formal opening, followed by a Dutch-treat luncheon at the General Wayne Motor Inn, is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 19. Persons interested in attending the luncheon have been requested to contact the Waynesboro-East Augusta Chamber of Commerce (942-8203).

Mr. Butler said he expects to announce his office manager before Tuesday.

The new office, which fulfills a campaign pledge, will be located on the main floor of the Post Office building.

In a recent visit here Mr. Butler said he would prefer to find space in Staunton, which he feels is more centrally located. But he said today: "The facilities offered in Waynesboro warrant the office being located here. Comparable space was not offered in Staunton."

Mr. Butler said he would have liked to open quarters in the new Staunton Post Office building, "but that space would not be released by the U.S. postal inspectors." He said the location would have been accessible to the hospital, Social Security office and health facilities.

But, he added, the Waynesboro office will put area residents "only a phone call away" from the congressman in Washington.

Already in operation is a Butler office in Roanoke, with another scheduled to open in Lynchburg.

False Report Charge Made

By N-V Staff Writer

WEYERS CAVE — An attendant at a service station here has been accused of making a false robbery report and charged with the theft of slightly over \$200 from the station's cash register.

James H. Foley, 56, of Weyers Cave, was arrested by State Police and charged with grand larceny and making a false report of a robbery.

Foley reported on Nov. 29, 1972, that an unidentified Negro took the money from the cash register while he was outside attending a customer. Police called to the scene were unable to find any trace of the robber described by Foley.

State Police reported today that their investigation of the report led to Foley's arrest.

Butler Seeks Reinstatement of REAP Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler announced last week that he has written to Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz urging that the recently discontinued Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP) be refunded by expenditures taken from other programs of the Department.

Rep. Butler told Butz that he feels "the benefits derived from the conservation practices far exceed its cost, as the problems of pollution and erosion are far more costly to correct than to prevent."

He said that "the economic situation of the small farmer simply has not improved to the extent that he can bear the entire burden of carrying out conservation measures that benefit everyone, and there is no reason he should have to."

The Sixth District Congressman noted that "every federal dollar spent on this program was at least matched by the farmer."

"It has been my observation that the Department's action is aimed in the wrong direction. The Rural Environmental Assistance Program benefited the small farmer and the nation." He noted that over 3,000 farmers in the Sixth District received over \$470,000 in program funds, an average, he said, of "less than \$160 a farmer."

"There are few if any examples of waste, windfall profits, or dishonesty in the program," while, "there are many other programs in the government of which this cannot be said."

Congressman Butler told the Secretary that he had refrained from criticizing the discontinuance of the Rural Environmental Assistance Program until he had fully studied the program and had evaluated its worth.

Students

Butler Coming To Seminar For Veterans

Sixth District Rep. Caldwell Butler will attend a Veterans Administration seminar Monday at the Roanoke regional office from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

He will be accompanied by members of his Roanoke and Washington staffs who work with veterans' affairs.

Topics on the agenda include discussions of veterans assistance, veterans' records, adjudication of claims, compensation, and treatments and admission procedures of the Veterans Hospital.

There will be a 45-minute session for questions and answers in the afternoon.

Patrick Beville, director of the Roanoke office, will be the moderator of the question and answer period.

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**FHA Freeze
Modified, Says
Congressman** ✓

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman M. Caldwell Butler announced last week that the Farmers Home Administration has modified its original freeze on the Interest Credit Loans and will honor verbal commitments to builders and developers for the loans if actual construction had begun prior to Jan. 9.

The Department of Agriculture had ordered on Jan. 8 that no additional applications for interest credit loans for home in rural areas be accepted. The loan program made money available for families whose gross income was \$8,400 or less.

The announcement of the modification was made today after Congressman Butler had conferred with James F. Neville, assistant administrator of the Farmers Home Administration.

The sixth District Congressman had written to Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz recently voicing concern that the freeze on the interest credit loans had come with no prior notification. "The lack of any prior notification of the program's cancellation," he wrote Mr. Butz "had left helpless a number of persons who were anticipating a Farmers Home Administration interest credit loan upon completion of a residence under construction for them. Inasmuch as the Farmers Home Administration did not, as a general practice, issue residential loan commitments prior to construction these people, being without sufficient income for an unsubsidized loan, could not acquire the home which they had been led to believe they would soon possess.

In the letter to Secretary Butz, the Congressman noted that 492 residents of the Sixth District received loans worth \$7.4 million under the program and additional families benefited from a rental project that received a loan of \$241,000.

He told the Secretary that the loans, "are by no means a hand-out. The recipient repays the entire loan only at reduced interest rates."

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**Rep. Butler To Open
Office in Waynesboro**

WASHINGTON - Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, hoping to get an area office in the Staunton Post Office building, says he couldn't get space there and will open an office in Waynesboro next Tuesday.

The Republican congressman recalled he has announced earlier that the U.S. Postal Service would release space in the Staunton building.

But, Butler said, "The facilities offered in Waynesboro warrant the office being located there. Comparable space was not offered in Staunton."

Butler has an office in Roanoke but the Waynesboro office will be of more immediate service to the Staunton-Waynesboro-Augusta County area.

Butler said the Staunton office would have been nearer other government agencies such as the Social Security office and to hospital and health facilities but "that space

would not be released by U.S. postal inspectors."

Butler said the new office, which will be open formally on Feb. 19, will be ready for business Tuesday and will have staff of its own.

The Roanoke lawyer said, though, that he is pleased to have an office in the Shenandoah Valley section of his district because it can help with the workload now being handled by his Washington and Roanoke offices.

Butler said he will announce soon the person who will handle the office. He said it would be a resident of the area.

Butler to locate office in Waynesboro

WASHINGTON — Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will locate this area's district office in the Post Office Building in Waynesboro.

It will be open for business Tuesday with a formal opening scheduled for Feb. 19.

He had announced several days ago he hoped that the U. S. Postal Service would release suitable office space in the more centrally located Staunton, but he said today: "The facilities offered in Waynesboro warrant the office being located there. Comparable space was not offered in Staunton."

Rep. Butler thanked the many Staunton residents who had expressed an interest in having the office located there. He especially mentioned Mayor Richard Farrier and Del. A. R. Giesen, "for all they did in an attempt to secure the new Staunton Post Office Building".

That space would not be released by the U. S. postal inspectors. He noted its accessibility to the hospital, Social Security office and health facilities, and its first floor location as being attractive.

Mr. Butler said he was happy to settle on the office selection so that the area can begin being served by an office and staff of its own. Presently the Roanoke and

Washington offices are handling the workload.

Announcement of the person who will man the office will be made in several days, said Rep. Butler, and will be a resident of the area.

Rep. Butler noted that the establishment of the office will be a step in his goal to be a connecting link between the citizens and the government. The people of Staunton and Waynesboro and the Augusta County area will be a phone call away from the Congressman, he said.

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Flood Control Project Approved

WASHINGTON—The Nixon administration has approved a proposal by 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler to have a project for Buena Vista included in administration flood control spending proposals now before Congress.

Butler's office said the White House notified the Republican congressman Friday that his suggestion had been approved.

Butler, who had promised during his campaign last fall to work for inclusion of the flood control project on the Maury River, indicated he will see that an amendment to the administration's bill is offered when Congress convenes after its Lincoln's birthday recess.

The project on the Maury River would involve \$11 million in federal funds. It would include an 11,700-foot long earthen wall and levee, a channel and an interior drainage canal to protect the city against high water.

Buena Vista was almost ruined by flooding in the summer of 1969 and suffered flooding again this year.

The project was part of the Omnibus Rivers and Harbors Act which was vetoed by the President in October.

The project had not been included in the President's recommendations this year.

Butler urged the White House to include the project, saying there was an urgent need for the flood control structures in the city.

The White House said Friday that all necessary department approvals are in order, that the project was justified and would be proper for inclusion in the Nixon proposals.

Meets Amherst residents

Butler praises Nixon spending

AMHERST — Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler accused Congress of overappropriating and commended President Nixon for his efforts to keep spending down Friday at an open door meeting in Amherst Court House.

Butler, who was initiating the first in a series of meetings that will put him in contact with his constituents, said that the real issue between Congress and the President is not one of authority, but a matter of spending. He added that the question is when is Congress going to spend money in a more responsible manner.

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"I have real reservations about how well this is going to turn out," said Butler in referring to the revenue-sharing program. He assured board members he would look into the matter.

Reward of \$250 offered in carrier boy robbery

Powell Glass Jr., general manager of The News and The Daily Advance, announced Friday that a \$250 reward will be given for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who robbed a newspaper carrier Tuesday night.

The carrier, Carl Proffitt of 412 Cabell St., told police he was attacked by six Negro males, about 19 or 20 years old, while he was riding his bicycle on the D Street Bridge.

The assailants were reported to have fled west on Hancock Street after taking \$9.45 from Proffitt and cutting his coat.

Glass said the reward will be given by Carter Glass and Sons Publishers, Inc. and in the event more than one person contributes information that assists in the arrest and conviction, the reward "will be divided accordingly."

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MEETS CONSTITUENTS — Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, left, stands with Elmo O. Baldwin, chairman, Board of Supervisors, at open door meeting at Amherst Court House Friday. Meeting is one of several that will be dedicated to direct contact with constituents.

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News County Writer

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Rockbridge Citizens Ask Removal Of Dam

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a study, but hasn't made it public," Laughead said. "I personally feel that there is something detrimental in the study that would require removal. I feel this is the reason they won't make it known," he added.

In discussing the matter with Butler, the delegation pointed out that the Federal Power Commission will have to make disposition of the dam after Feb. 25 because Vepco's license will have expired. The delegation assured Butler that "the town wants the dam removed."

The group presented Butler with a petition of 540 names asking removal. They also presented a petition bearing 25 names requesting the dam be retained for recreation purposes.

"This is a serious thing," said Fred Huffman of Rockbridge County as the delegation left. "We still have bodies lying down there from the last flood." He pointed out that it takes less than four inches of water to bring the river out of its banks.

William Todd, captain of the county rescue squad, said the unit failed to find trace of four victims. Seven were drowned, he said. He attributed it to th

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Rockbridge Citizens Ask Removal Of Glasgow Dam

By LARRY FLICK
News County Writer

AMHERST — An angry delegation of five Rockbridge County citizens was present in Amherst County Court House Friday as Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler inaugurated his "open door" policy aimed at personal contact with his constituents.

After briefing an estimated 100 citizens, Butler met with individuals, including the Rockbridge delegation, to discuss its problems.

Chief spokesman for the delegation was David Laughead, member of the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors. He said he represented his district only and not the board.

"We're here to ask for help in removing Balcony Falls dam located on the James River just below Glasgow," he said in an interview. "We've witnessed two floods in town in the past three years," Laughead said. The delegation blamed flooding on the dam.

The dam, owned by Virginia Electric and Power Co., is no longer used to generate power,

Laughead said. The company's 50 year license to generate electricity expires Feb. 25, he added.

Laughead pointed out that the Rockbridge Board of Supervisors asked Vepco for a study a year ago to determine whether the dam is responsible for flooding. Vepco replied with a letter in January saying it felt

that removal of flood gates and a power house would reduce the possibility of flooding, he said.

According to Laughead, Vepco offered to give the dam to either the town or county if they would accept ownership. Both governing bodies declined the offer, he said.

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Butler plans 'Open Door Meetings'

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WASHINGTON — Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will hold two of his "Open Door Meetings" in the area during the next week, his office announced.

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In Staunton, Rep. Butler will meet with any persons wishing to discuss federal government related problems at City Council chambers in City Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 11 a.m.

In Waynesboro, the meeting will be Monday, Feb. 19 at the district Congressional office in the Post Office Building at 11 a.m.

The meetings are part of a series the Congressman holds regularly during the year throughout the district.

Rep. Butler said he welcomes the opportunity to meet with the citizens of Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County and to discuss with them any problems they might have.

"Anyone wishing to talk with the Congressman either at the Staunton or Waynesboro meeting should bring with him any papers and correspondence dealing with their case," he advises. "Persons should know their Social Security and veterans' claims numbers.

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Butler Will Visit Shenandoah Valley

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Wednesday, Butler will meet with persons interested in discussing federal government related problems in the city council chambers in Staunton at 11 a.m.

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Butler to hold Lexington meet

WASHINGTON — U. S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will hold an open meeting in Lexington on Thursday beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Municipal Building.

Rep. Butler noted that he welcomes this opportunity to meet with the citizens of Lexington and Rockbridge County to discuss any problems related to the federal government.

The Congressman will also meet with a group of Washington and Lee students for an informal discussion at lunch in the Cockpit.

The open door meeting is one of several the Congressman has had since his election. They are planned on a regular basis all over the 6th District.

Anyone wishing to discuss a particular problem should bring with him all papers and correspondence dealing with the case. Persons should know their Social Security and veterans claim number if their problem is so related.

Butler Appoints Office Secretary

Miss Mary Frances Whissen, a resident of Staunton, has been appointed secretary to Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's office in the Waynesboro Post Office building.

In making the announcement, Mr. Butler said the office will open tomorrow at 9 a.m. and will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

At the same time, he announced that he will hold two meetings in this area to discuss federal government - related problems with residents.

The meetings will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Staunton City Council Chamber and at 11 a.m. Feb. 19 in the Waynesboro district office.

Miss Whissen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude A. Whissen of Rockingham County, is a graduate of Broadway High School and Madison College.

A resident of Staunton for the past 10 years, she was formerly home economist with Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., and is a charter member of the Staunton Quota Club.

Commenting on the appointment, Mr. Butler said, "Miss Whissen, through her past experience as a home economist, has the general feeling and background needed to work in this capacity for the citizens of Staunton and Waynesboro and Augusta and neighboring counties."

Those in the Waynesboro area



Miss Mary Frances Whissen

should call the office at 942-7758. Staunton area residents can call toll-free, Mr. Butler said, by dialing the operator and asking for Enterprise 758.

Those who wish to discuss problems with Mr. Butler at either of the meetings are asked to bring any papers or correspondence dealing with their particular cases and should know their Social Security and veterans claims numbers.

The congressman said, "Because the Congress does not legislate over schools, highway construction projects, drivers' licenses, and state and local court decisions, I will be unable to discuss these matters."

Buena Vista Flood Project Gets Boost

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special) — The White House has notified Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler that it has approved his proposal to have the Buena Vista Flood Project included in the Administration's flood control recommendations now before Congress.

Rep. Butler indicated that he will see an amendment to include the project is offered to the Administration's bill when Congress meets following the current recess.

The Buena Vista Project, which would include a 11,700-foot earth wall and levee, a 2,800-foot long and 200-foot wide channel and a 5,700-foot interior drainage canal, was part of the Omnibus Rivers and Harbors Act vetoed in October.

The project, which will involve approximately \$11 million in federal funds, was not included in the President's flood control recommendations this year. Rep. Butler urged the White House to include the project, citing its grave need to Buena Vista and the surrounding areas.

The White House has announced that all the necessary departmental approvals were in order, that the project was justified and that it had been approved.

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"I have real reservations about how well this is going to turn out," said Butler in referring to the revenue-sharing program. He assured board members he would look into the matter.

Butler also was asked to check on the Buffalo Watershed project. "We've got options on land and need to get going," Baldwin told him. We had hoped to get started this spring, he added.

County officials told Butler they wanted assurance that federal money for the project "is going to be there" before they go any farther.

DAILY ADVANCE, Lynchburg, Tues., Feb. 13, 1973.

Rep. Butler to address Scout dinner

SALEM — Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will share the limelight with 118 Eagle Scouts at the Blue Ridge Council's first Eagle Scout recognition dinner Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Sheraton Motor Inn in Salem.

Butler will be the featured speaker for the event and will receive the council's first Distinguished Eagle Scout award.

Sponsored by St. John's Episcopal Church in Roanoke, the congressman became a Boy Scout of Troop 17 June 5, 1937. He received the Eagle Award in the same troop in December 1941. Frederick S. Van A. Carson was scoutmaster at that time.

Presiding at the dinner will be the council's advancement committee chairman, Robert B. Carpenter Jr. of Altavista.

Eagle Scouts participating in the program will be Louis M. Strickler of Roanoke, who will give the invocation; Edwin Childress of Martinsville, the pledge of allegiance; Donnie Haymore of Danville, leading the group in the Eagle Scout pledge, and Charles J. Hansrote III of Lynchburg, who will give the benediction.

Those attending the ceremonies will include scouts who earned Eagle rank from Dec. 1971 through Nov. 30, 1972, outmasters and parents.



AREA STUDENTS met and talked with Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler during a visit to Washington, D.C. With the Congressman are Nancy May, Jackie Almarode, Jeff Campbell and Julia King.

all of Stuarts Draft and Linda Coffey of Waynesboro. The picture was taken in Mr. Butler's office in the Cannon House Office Building.

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U. S. REP. M. CALDWELL BUTLER discusses a federal government-related matter with an area resident during an "open door meeting" held in Council Chambers at City Hall Wednesday morning. Area residents were offered the opportunity to discuss problems in individual conferences with the 6th District Representative.

Butler holds open door meeting, addresses Rotarians

U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler conducted the first of his "open door meetings" in Staunton Wednesday morning and addressed the Rotary Club's Ladies Night Valentine celebration that night.

The meeting in City Hall gave area residents a chance to discuss federal government — related problems with the 6th District Representative, and he later told Rotarians about his first impressions of Congress.

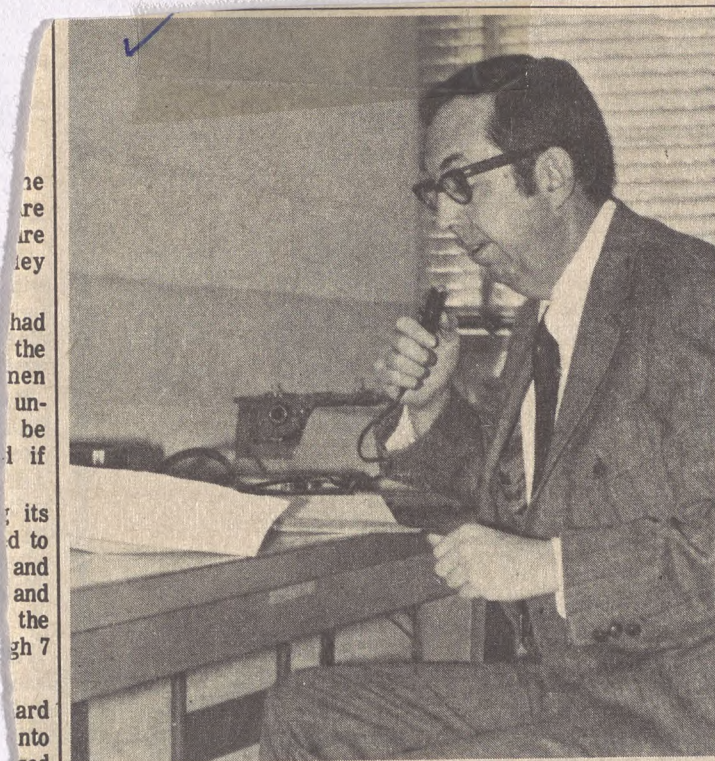
"I think it is important to continue the relationship developed during the campaign between the candidate and those he represents," Rep. Butler told persons gathered at the open door meeting. "I intend from time to time to come back to give the public an opportunity to tell me what is on their minds."

"I've been in Congress one month and 10 days," Rep. Butler told Rotarians, "and in that time, we've ended the war, brought the POW home, and devalued the dollar. After I've been there a little longer, I hope to be able to assemble a little more impressive record," he quipped.

Finding his office, which is located on a circular hallway, is a lot like Washington, he told them — you just keep going around and around.

Of the seniority system, he quipped that he had found that those who have been there the longest really have deteriorated the most in some cases.

The Congressional Record does not give an accurate description of debate on the House floor, he said, explaining that congressmen frequently introduce lengthy comments for the Record which are not presented verbally on the House floor. How much of the talk is for the Record and how much actually comes from the heart, he said he had not been in Congress long enough to judge.



M. CALDWELL BUTLER, Sixth District Congressman, visited his newly opened office in the Waynesboro Post Office building yesterday. The office is staffed by his secretary, Miss Mary Frances Whissen, and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Flood Control Situation Has Improved

Butler To Meet With Residents

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler will hold an open meeting in Buena Vista today (Thursday) beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Rep. Butler noted that he welcomes this opportunity to meet with the citizens of Buena Vista to discuss any problems related to the federal government.



Caldwell Butler

The Open Door meeting is one of several the Congressman has had since his election. They are planned on a regular basis all over the Sixth District.

Anyone wishing to discuss a particular problem should bring with him all papers and correspondence dealing with the case. Persons should know their Social Security and veterans claim number if their problem is so related.

Since the Congress does not legislate over schools, highway construction projects, drivers' licenses, and state and local court decisions, Rep. Butler will not be able to discuss these matters.

The Congressman is also scheduled to meet with citizens of Lexington and Rockbridge County this morning and will visit Glasgow after he leaves Buena Vista.

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Buena Vista News

Barring unforeseen problems, Buena Vista's chances for receiving approval for the flood control bill look very promising, according to Wilford Ramsey, chairman of the Flood Control Committee.

Ramsey and several Buena Vista citizens traveled to Washington, D. C., Friday, Feb. 9, to meet with Virginia legislators who have supported the Buena Vista flood control project. Mayor Shuler A. Kizer, City Manager H. T. Plunkett, William C. Plott, and Buena Vista NEWS publisher Lloyd T. Page,

Jr., traveled with Ramsey to Washington to find out the present status of the local flood control project.

According to Ramsey, the delegation obtained a promise from the Office of Management and Budget that as of this week a letter from the administration would be sent to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate asking them to include Buena Vista in the administration's bill, HR3966 or S-603.

Mayor Kizer said he had directly asked representatives of the OMB

the inclusion of Buena Vista in the administration's bill and received their promise that the City would be included in the bill.

If Buena Vista is included in the President's bill, the City would have flood control legislation pending in two bills now being considered by Congress and its committees. Under the bill proposed by the Senate Public Works Committee, S-606, Buena Vista would receive approximately 11.5 million dollars in flood control funds.

Almost identical

provisions are made for Buena Vista if the City's project is included in the Administration's bill, HR3966. According to both Ramsey and Kizer, chances for Buena Vista's inclusion in the President's bill are almost assured.

S-606 is the identical omnibus bill proposed and passed by the Congress last Fall and which the President ultimately vetoed. It has been re-introduced by the Senate and was passed last week by a 68-14 vote. The bill is currently before the House of Representatives and will be debated after the

Congress returns from the Lincoln's Holiday recess.

Ramsey said that the feeling in Washington from those with whom the delegation talked was that the President may veto the S-606 again. However, Ramsey added that spokesmen in Washington said they felt that if the House passed the bill with as great a majority as the Senate, the opportunity of a Congressional overriding of the veto was feasible.

Until this week Buena Vista was not included in the President's bill, HR3966 but with possibility of inclusion in the bill, the City's

chances for flood control are greatly increased. Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler was notified by the White House Feb. 9, that Buena Vista's request for inclusion in the Administration's bill had been approved and Butler said steps would be taken to insure Buena Vista's inclusion.

Kizer said that reason given the Buena Vista delegation for the original exclusion of the City's project from HR3966 was that the OMB was not fully satisfied about whether the flood control project was

designed to protect existing industry or to provide protection for industry which might move into the area in the future.

He said that the OMB "frowned upon the project being used to protect future industry" because they felt industry should refrain from building in an area where flooding was a constant danger. Kizer said that the Flood Control Committee and those working with them were able to convince the OMB and the administration that the bill was needed to protect existing industry

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Butler Says Godwin Needs to Join GOP

STAUNTON (UPI) — Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., said Wednesday that unless former Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr. becomes a Republican, the endorsement of the GOP for his gubernatorial candidacy "isn't worth a whole lot."

Godwin, who announced his candidacy Saturday, did not indicate whether he will run as an independent or as a Republican. The former Democratic governor has said he will not run again as a Democrat, presumably because he is disenchanted with the liberal direction of his former party.

"The endorsement of the Republican party for a man who does not call himself a Republican isn't worth a whole lot," Butler said in Staunton, where he was con-

ducting the first of his "open-door" meetings with constituents.

"I don't think he can get elected without the enthusiastic support of the Republican party and those people in the ranks of the Republican party who make everyone's election possible and who made my election possible," Butler said.

Mrs. Wilcox Renamed

Mrs. Carolyn Wilcox has been re-elected chairman of the Richmond Young Republican Club. Other officers are Miss Lynn Myer, internal vice chairman; J. W. Richards Jr., external vice chairman; Miss Laura Leiby, secretary; Gene Schultz, treasurer, and Miss Jeanette Coffey, rules officer.

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Buchanan To Rebuild Firehouse

WASHINGTON—The Town of Buchanan has been given a \$280,000 grant to rebuild its fire and first aid station which was ruined when Tropical Storm Agnes sent the James River rolling over the original building last summer.

The grant came from the Economic Development Administration and was announced jointly here Thursday by Republicans Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of the 6th District and U.S. Sen. William L. Scott.

The local share of the \$351,000 building, which will be built on the town's Main Street out of the reach of floodwaters, will be about \$70,000.

The building, said Mayor Stull Carson, will be completed in about a year and will provide local employment during its construction.

The grant was awarded under a special fund allocation aimed at assistance to communities which suffered economic damage from the storm last summer.



Butler Discusses Revenue Sharing, Watershed

Congressman Caldwell Butler, left, meets Amherst County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Elmo O. Baldwin and Executive Secretary Roy C. Mayo III, right, during his visit to the county last Friday. Butler listened to the problems of Sixth District citizens, discussed revenue sharing and Buffalo River watershed with the Board of Supervisors, and ate lunch with Central Primary School students.

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Mrs. Hilda H. DeWitt ✓

Rep. Butler will open city office

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler announced in Washington today he will open a Lynchburg Congressional District Office in the Federal (Post Office) Building Monday and that Mrs. Hilda H. DeWitt will be office secretary.

A formal ceremony, with the Congressman in attendance, will be scheduled at a later date.

Mrs. DeWitt, who was secretary to Carter Glass III, former general manager of the News and The Daily Advance, attended Strayer's Business College and has had extensive legal secretarial experience.

The office secretary at one time served as a staff assistant to the late Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney. She is married to William C. DeWitt and is the mother of three children. The family lives at 2312 Interlink Road.

The new office, located on the third floor of the Federal Building, will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Flood Study In Botetourt Authorized

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler said Friday the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has authorized a flood control project for Buffalo Creek in Botetourt County.

The Roanoke Republican said, though, that authorization for the report does not mean that the project will be carried out.

Butler said that if the report is favorable and a project is approved, it could be carried out without further authorization from Congress, providing that it wouldn't cost the federal government more than \$1 million.

Butler said the study will be done under a 1948 law which set up a general fund for conducting such flood control studies throughout the country.

Butler Fills District Post In Lynchburg

WASHINGTON — Mrs. Hilda H. DeWitt, has been named by 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler to be secretary of the Lynchburg congressional district office which will open Monday in the Federal Building.

A formal opening with Butler in attendance will be scheduled at a later date.

Mrs. DeWitt is married to William C. DeWitt and is the mother of three children. They live at 2312 Interlink Road.

The office will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Times Photo by Wayne Deel

Honoring Butler

R. B. Carpenter presents award to Rep. M. Caldwell Butler. Watching the presentation are Bobby Runyon,

Steve Thrasher, Pat McPhilamy, Holt Ward, Kevin Gregg and Kirk Deese.

Boy Scouts Recognize Rep. Butler

Sixth District Republican Rep. M. Caldwell Butler received a Distinguished Eagle

Scout recognition dinner held by the Blue Ridge Mountains Council, and told the Scouts "You don't have to be pretty to be an Eagle Scout."

Butler, who became an Eagle Scout in 1940, said brains, athletic competence and good looks aren't prerequisites for Eagle Scouts.

"What you've really got to have is an appreciation of the value of what you're doing, and the desire and effort to achieve it," he said.

Eagles Scouts can face life, Butler said, "knowing you've

got what it takes to get there when you set your eyes on that goal."

Achieving the Eagle award, Butler said, "gives you the inner knowledge and confidence for achieving what you set out to achieve."

The recognition dinner at which Butler received the award was held to recognize 120 new Eagle Scouts from the Blue Ridge Mountains Council.

About 100 scouts, parents and sponsors attended.



SIXTH DISTRICT Congressman M. Caldwell Butler (right) talks with Chalmers C. Clifton of Churchville in Mr. Butler's office here this morning. The congressman was in the office, in the Waynesboro Post Office building, to discuss federal

agency matters with his constituents. Although the office has been open since last week, a formal ribbon cutting ceremony was held this morning.

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Butler opens office

WAYNESBORO — U. S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler opened his office for this area of the 6th Congressional District this morning in the Waynesboro Post Office Building on Wayne Avenue.

"The purpose of this office is to provide liaison between the people of this area and the federal government," said Rep. Butler in his brief remarks at the official opening, attended by about 15 GOP leaders.

"Intervention on behalf of the citizens of the area and their congressman can help solve problems related to federal government, such as social security, passport applications, and veterans' claims," he explained.

Rep. Butler stated that by opening the regional office he is decentralizing his staff in Washington so that staff members can be closer to the people. The office, which is in Room 111 in the Post Office Building, will be used as a meeting place for the congressman and individuals who want to meet with him.

The staff in the Roanoke area office has been busy since that office opened recently, he added.

After cutting the ribbon that officially opened the office here, Rep. Butler said: "The purpose of opening this office is to provide the vital connecting link between the people of Waynesboro, Staunton and Augusta County and their congressman.

"I look forward to getting to know the people of this area and to giving them the type of representation they deserve," he concluded.

The office will be open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and will be staffed by Miss Mary Frances Whissen.

Following the opening, Rep. Butler was guest at a luncheon at the General Wayne Hotel, hosted by the Waynesboro-East Augusta Chamber of Commerce.

During the past week, Rep. Butler has held open meetings with constituents at Staunton, Waynesboro, Amherst and Lexington.

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Nixon Stand On Education Is Defended

HARRISONBURG (AP)—President Nixon is not "hostile to education" as the National Education Association (NEA) has charged, says Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va.

Butler said Monday night he did not agree with the NEA opinion, which came after Nixon's education package was announced. Butler said there were some cuts in the education budget, but "there are many increases and decreases."

The total package proposed for education is about the same as in 1972, the highest ever, the 6th District congressman told the annual banquet meeting of Greater Madison Inc., a support group for the college here.

Greater Madison presented its annual educator of the year award to Dr. Forrest S. Racey, president emeritus of Shenandoah College-Conservatory of Music in Winchester. Dr. Racey served as president of the college from 1956 to 1969.

The award is given to a person in the Shenandoah Valley who has distinguished himself for work in the field of education.

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Rep. Butler Says President Not Hostile To Education

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HARRISONBURG (AP)—Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., said Monday night that President Nixon is not "hostile to education" as has been charged by the National Education Association (NEA).

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The freshman congressman from the 6th District made his remarks at Madison College to the annual banquet meeting of Greater Madison Inc., a support group for the college. About 200 attended the banquet held at the Warren Campus Center.

At the banquet, Greater Madison presented its annual educator of the year award to Dr. Forrest S. Racey, president emeritus of Shenandoah College-Conservatory of Music in Winchester.

The award is presented to a person in the Shenandoah Valley who has distinguished himself for work in the field of education. Educators from throughout the valley—from Roanoke to Winchester—had been nominated for the award.

Dr. Racey, who served as president of Shenandoah College from 1956 until his retirement in 1969, was instrumental in the relocation of the college from Dayton to Winchester. About \$3.5 million in construction was done on the college while he was president.

Butler told the audience that he felt the \$2.5 billion proposed in federal revenue sharing for education would be approved

by Congress.

He compared serving as a freshman congressman with his 10 years in the Virginia General Assembly and said the major difference was the huge weight placed in Congress on the seniority system.

The seniority system, Butler said, "means everything in the Congress of the United States."

Some efforts have been made toward altering the system, he said, but very little has been done. "I hope some adjustments will be made in time."

Rep. Butler Cool To Aid for Hanoi

Although admittedly "overwhelmed" by the nature of things on Capitol Hill, the Sixth District's new congressman has arrived at some conclusions.

M. Caldwell Butler has "real reservations," for one thing, about the wisdom of appropriating money for the restoration of North Vietnam.

For another thing, he is "disappointed" at some of the "bugs" he sees in revenue-sharing, despite the fact he still believes it's a good principle.

And, for a third thing, he feels Congress has a mandate to curb federal spending.

These were among the views Mr. Butler expressed yesterday at a luncheon following the formal dedication of his new regional headquarters in the Post Office Building here.

He told about 40 constituents of both major parties at the General Wayne Motor Inn, "The message I got from the 1972 election, but which apparently hasn't been gotten by some members of Congress, is that the people are concerned about federal spending policies and they want spending brought under control as quickly as possible."

Mr. Butler said he has observed, however, that any move

to pump large amounts of money into North Vietnam "would be strongly resisted." He added, "I judge we do not have a commitment. I don't find any overwhelming guilt feeling among the people I have talked with."

Noting that his "learning process" is just beginning, Mr. Butler contrasted the Virginia General Assembly, where he previously served as House minority leader, with the halls of Congress. In Richmond, he said, debate proceeded in an atmosphere of politeness, while in Washington "it's dog eat dog, and you'd better know your stuff."

The legislator said he has been "pleasantly surprised" at the number of people who have felt free to "unload" their views on him. "I can't represent you unless you let me know what's on your mind," he told the Dutch-treat luncheon gathering.

Seated at the head table, in addition to Mr. Butler, were Mayor Ben B. Scott, Chamber of Commerce President Harry Nash, City Republican Chairman Mrs. Warren F. Kindt, and Chamber Executive Director Edward M. Eakin, who presided.

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Office opens

U. S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler assists as Miss Mary Frances Whissen cuts the ceremonial ribbon marking the opening of the Congressman's office in Waynesboro on Monday. The regional office, one of several in the 6th District, will serve as a liaison between the citizen and the federal government. It is located in room 111 of the Post Office Building.

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'Educator of the Year'

Dr. Forrest S. Racey (left), president emeritus of Shenandoah College-Conservatory of Music in Winchester, and U. S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler look at the "Educator of the Year" award presented to Dr. Racey this week at Madison College in Harrisonburg. The award was presented by Greater Madison Inc., a support group for the college.

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Sixth grader Lee Bradford came with a long list of questions compiled by her classmates at Parry McCluer to ask Congressman M. Caldwell Butler when he was in Buena Vista last Thursday afternoon. Miss Bradford is the daughter of Superintendent of Schools James Bradford.

(Worrell Photo)



Butler Tells of Experiences in Congress

Butler Biding Time As House Freshman

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"We're not accomplishing anything. The time wasted in roll calls is too much. If everybody showed up on the floor when they were supposed to, did the work, and then went home, it would take about one-third of the time it takes now."

From this, don't get the idea Caldwell Butler is a malcontent. He's not, and with his personality, his unquestioned charm, he should be one of the hits of the freshman class. He just hasn't been on Capitol Hill long enough to accept the seeming inevitability of the slow, moss-bound congressional process.

Butler, a Republican, comes here after capturing 55 per cent of the vote in November's general election. He replaces another Republican, Richard Poff, who now sits on the Virginia Supreme Court.

Though Butler's voting record probably will not be that far from Poff's ("I've my fingers on the district pulse, and I doubt if I'll do anything to generate much antagonism," said Butler), the differences in the two men are pronounced.

Poff legislated from an ivory tower. He was inaccessible, wary of reporters, a man who put personal privacy so high on his value scale that he rejected a probable appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court because of it.

Where Poff was secretive, Butler is open. Where Poff chose his words carefully, with some apprehension as to how they might be interpreted, Butler talks freely, though with seldom a slip.

The constituent coming to Washington might, or might not, get to Poff. He will likely have less trouble with the gregarious Butler, who admits that he really doesn't mind campaigning because he likes people.

In these first days of Butler's term, he's trying to learn his way around, to get his office functioning smoothly and adjust to Washington traffic, which he hates.

"I'm enjoying the work, but I sure wish Congress would telescope the time it takes to conduct its business," said Butler. "Take electronic voting, for instance (something new this term). That could and should be done in two minutes. But it isn't. Congressmen should be trained like a bunch of puppy dogs to function faster."

The new congressman has made few contacts among his colleagues outside of the Virginia delegation. He points out that "it's quite possible to never meet another congressman in all the time a man spends here," and suggests this is one reason why senior members find it relatively easy to keep power.

"The junior people simply

don't know each other, or how to organize," said Butler.

Not that seniority will be any problem for Butler, at least in his judiciary committee. He feels that anyone who is willing to work can easily carve out a niche for himself, and gain the respect of his colleagues.

Butler's staff consists of three holdovers from the Poff years, and a collection of young newcomers. He has six staffers who are 25 years old or under.

"I like this situation because my staff doesn't know more about things than I do," said Butler. "That keeps them on their toes. In the long run, I think having a young staff will pay off."

There are two unpleasant and interwoven personal actualities to which Butler must adjust. His family lives in one place, Roanoke, while he must spend much of his time in a rented Capitol Hill apartment. And this dual existence is proving costly.

"There's no practical way for me to have my family and job in the same place," said Butler, the father of two high schoolers. "When I'm here, I work every night. And I go home every weekend. The traveling isn't too bad, though."

Butler gets paid \$42,500 per year to serve as a congressman. It is considered unethical for him to keep up his law practice, so that must be discounted as a source of income.

"The cost of being a congressman is far higher than I had anticipated," he said. "Our personal standard of living has had to be adjusted. I've even impounded some household funds."

The congressman goes light on the Washington social circuit. He filters through the many invitations ("A congressman could live in D.C. without buying a meal," says Butler. "But he'd have to make a heavy outlay for bicarbonate of soda"), and picks out mostly those involving constituents.

There is, of course, considerable satisfaction attached to sitting in the U.S. Congress.

"The question I have to ask is whether the compensations outweigh what I'm denying myself," Butler said. "I'm still assessing my role here. It's a lonely, hardworking position, but through this job I have the pleasure of participating. I have the satisfaction of getting involved in something."

Butler, who labels himself an "enlightened moderate," shrugged when asked why he ran for Congress.

"I wish I knew really," he said. "Dick Poff left the seat open. And serving in the General Assembly, combined with trying to keep up my law practice, was becoming a burden. So I decided to run."

Butler holds 'open door' meet with Clifton Forge residents; to attend Staunton road meet

Close to 50 constituents met Friday with U.S. Cong. M. Caldwell Butler in his first "open door" visit to Clifton Forge since election to succeed Richard H. Poff, who was named to the Virginia Supreme Court after serving for 20 years in Congress.

After hearing citizens' problems in the courtroom at City Hall, Congressman Butler was guest of area businessmen at a "Dutch Treat" lun-

cheon in Hotel Williamson, arranged by Tommy Haymaker, chairman of the city Republican committee.

Interstate 64

How to promote the economic development of the area, with emphasis on completion of Interstate 64, was the dominant topic in the businessmen's discussions with Congressman Butler.

He assured the constituents that he would either at-

tend the meeting in Staunton on March 14 to discuss allocation of funds for state highway work, or would have a representative there if Wednesday work in Congress prevented his attendance.

Gathright Dam

With regard to controversy over completion of Gathright Dam, Congressman Butler said the "ecologists and environmentalists" now opposing the project have submitted reports contending that the dam violates many provisions of law, but that authorization for completion is now out of the hands of Congress.

Several businessmen said that, since some \$15 million has already been spent on the project, the federal government should authorize completion.

Congressman Butler expressed gratification at the number of constituents who called to discuss problems during his three-hour visit to the city. Because of work in Congress and congressional committees, visits in the con-

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DISCUSS PROBLEMS—Bernard Tyree, right, discusses the upcoming railroad retirement seminar with Sixth District Congressman Caldwell Butler. The seminar is being held Tuesday, March 6, 7 p.m. at the YMCA. (Review Staff Photo)

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Butler to check status of city housing project

Two city officials and two representatives of the Lynchburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority have met with Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler to try and determine how the city's proposed \$2 million "turnkey" housing project is affected by President Nixon's 18-month freeze on subsidized housing starts.

Making the trip to Washington Monday were Mayor Leighton B. Dodd, Vice Mayor C. W. Seay, Authority Chairman Jack F. Almond and Authority Executive Director Leslie J. Faircloth.

Faircloth said Butler promised to "investigate the matter and let us know something."

"We were pleased with the reception we got," Faircloth declared.

He said the Lynchburg group was concerned first of all with finding out "the status of the project—just how it is affected by the freeze and then if there is a roadblock what we can do to remove it."

Faircloth had said in January the "turnkey" project for the development of 100 low-rent housing units is the only local project placed in jeopardy by the freeze.

The Authority received five "turnkey" proposals from four separate developers for the project some time ago but no details have been made public. Faircloth said the Authority must obtain the approval of the Department of Housing and Urban Development before any information can be released.

This is the second time the Authority had sought proposals on this project. The Whitaker Community Development Corp. of Knoxville, Tenn., was selected as the developer for the project initially but later was dismissed by the Authority because of a "lack of progress."

The 100 units would be rented to tenants at less than cost and federal tax money will be used to subsidize the costs.

Butler Asked To Help

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was told the Corps did not clean the channel after the flood of 1969 or of 1972 and debris and silt has filled in the river until it is quite shallow above the dam.

Rockbridge County Supervisor David Loughhead said Vepco has locked all the gates at the dam open although six are still stuck shut. Mr. Loughhead told Mr. Butler that since the gates have been opened the level of the river has dropped somewhat.

He also said that if the dam were removed, "the next flood will clean the channel."

Mr. McClure said the dam was made of a poor grade of hand-mixed concrete and would not be that difficult to remove. He also thought enough material could be salvaged to cover the cost of removal.

Fred V. Huffman, a leader of the citizens' committee which has been spearheading the fight to remove the dam, commented that the Corps of Engineers will remove dams at no cost as training projects for its men.

At the end of the meeting Mr. Butler asked if removal of the whole dam was "the wish of the town." A show of hands indicated this was the unanimous desire of the crowd.

Following the public meeting Mr. Butler was taken on a tour of the Balcony Falls dam by Mr. Huffman, Mr. Parnell and Baldwin G. Locher. At the facility it was noted that six of the 14 gates were shut and some debris was also caught in the open gates.

Mr. Locher commented that the superstructure of the dam was not causing the problem but the concrete dam was raising the river level.

Mr. Huffman also told Mr. Butler that Rockbridge Supervisor Kenneth Moore

had said he was changing his vote at the March meeting of the Board so that the Board would give immediate support to Glasgow's resolution for removal of the whole facility.

After the tour of the dam Mr. Butler said he was "still reserving judgement." He asked about engineering studies giving evidence that removal of the dam would relieve the flooding situation.

Mr. Huffman said such studies had not been made but a flood profile study is currently being made by the Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture at the request of the Board of Supervisors. The Supervisors at a meeting earlier this month voted not to make a decision on the dam until a study had been made. The results are expected in March.

Mr. Huffman said Monday that he spoke to U.S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr. Sunday in Chesapeake and the senator said he would do everything he could for the town of Glasgow.

Mr. Huffman also noted that petitions and letters have been sent to the Federal Power Commission requesting an order to remove the dam. The Federal Power Commission has final word over the future of the facility. The Power Commission license expires Feb. 25.

Vepco has suggested that it remove only the gates, partitions and power house which Vepco feels will return the river to approximately its original condition before the dam was constructed in 1916. Recreational use of the Balcony Falls reservoir was cited by Vepco as a reason to keep the concrete dam in place. Vepco's suggestion has been rejected by the Board of Supervisors and the town of Glasgow.

Butler works with HUD on housing

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler said from Washington today he is working with officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in an effort to find out how Lynchburg's proposed \$2 million "turnkey" housing project is affected by the President's 18-month freeze on subsidized housing starts.

Butler said HUD is now reviewing the situation and "we should have a clear reading on the matter by Monday or Tuesday."

Two Lynchburg city officials and two representatives of the Lynchburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority went to Washington Monday to confer with Butler concerning the low-rent housing project.

Making the trip to try to determine the status of the Lynchburg project were Mayor Leighton B. Dodd, Vice Mayor C. W. Seay, Authority Chairman Jack F. Almond and Authority Executive Director Leslie J. Faircloth.

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Special Rites

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Special) — Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler said today he is co-sponsoring a House resolution calling for a National Day of Recognition and Prayer to honor Americans killed in the Vietnam conflict.

The resolution, introduced by Rep. Joseph J. Maraziti (R-N.J.) sets May 11, the date in 1968 when the greatest number of Americans were killed in the conflict, as the day of recognition and prayer.

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MEETS PUBLIC — Sixth District Congressman Caldwell Butler met this morning with about 25 city residents on subjects ranging from veterans administration to completion of I-64. Following the meeting, Butler had lunch with city businessmen to discuss problems facing this area. Butler said that in the future he will be holding more "open door" meetings throughout the District.

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Rep. Butler Announces Internships

Washington, D.C. — College students in the 6th District will be eligible for a summer internship to spend their vacation working in the Washington office of Rep. M. Caldwell Butler.

Butler said that anyone interested may obtain an application by stopping by or writing to any of his offices located in Roanoke, Lynchburg, Waynesboro and Washington. The deadline for applying is April 1.

The Congressman said the program will be 10 weeks in duration with the intern receiving \$750, the limit set by Congress. The interns will be responsible for their own expenses but he expects inexpensive quarters to be available at George Washington University.

The work period will be June 18 to Aug. 24.

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gressional district must necessarily be made on short notice.

Among businessmen at the luncheon with Congressman Butler were: Mayor Robert Joe Anderson; Col. M. E. Barnes, city manager; P. W. Smith, Curtis M. Brown, Joe Wood, Jim Bay, Richard Showalter, Norman C. Scott, Aubrey E. Dean, Wyant Mays, Roy Nicely, Bob Slusser, F. Norton Thomas, Newman Haynes, Sherman Henson, Cleo Lawler Sr., and Haymaker.

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